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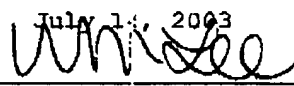
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AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed January 13, 2003, reconsideration of the present application is respectfully requested in view of the following amendments and remarks. A request for a 3 month extension of time and the fee therefor accompany this amendment. Applicants point out that while the above Office Action was indicated to be final, a request to withdraw the finality of it was mailed by Applicants March 6, 2003. That request was granted and the Petition Decision was received by Applicants on May 29, 2003. Applicants point out that the filing of this amendment was delayed by the time it took for Applicants to receive the Petition Decision.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 4 of this paper.